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Petitioners,

vs.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a body corporate and politic, and CITIES OF GARDENA, VERNON, MONTEREY PARK, and CLAREMONT, municipal corporations,

Respondents.

REPLY TO RESPONDENTS' ANSWER.

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Certain contentions made in Respondents' Answer require brief reply.

1. Judgment of State Court Below Is Final Under Judicial Code Section 237(a).

The Answer (pp. 2-5), in asserting that the Petition is "premature" because the judgment below is not "final", misconceives the rule of this Court as to what constitutes a "final" judgment within the meaning of Judicial Code, Section 237(a). In *Gospel Army v. City of Los Angeles*, 331 U. S. 543, 547 (1947), the rule is stated as follows:

> "Today 'the test is not whether under local rules of practice the judgment is denominated final * * * but rather whether the record shows that the order of the appellate court has in fact fully adjudicated rights and that that adjudication is not subject to further review by a state court. * * *' . . .